

Fire Safety Code

Board of Appeal & Review

Minutes of 10-25-05 meeting

The Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal & Review met in the Conference Room located adjacent to 55 Cedar Street, Providence, RI on Tuesday, October 25, 2005 at 1:00 PM. Present were Chairman George Farrell, Vice Chairman Coutu and Commissioners Blackburn, Newbrook, Preiss, Pearson, and Burlingame. Also present were Executive Director Thomas Coffey, Esq. and Assistant Administrative Officer Carol Marsella. The following appeals were considered.

Appeal #050280: 1380 Diamond Hill Road, Cumberland. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Preiss, to reinstate the previously granted variance from section 13.8.9.4.2, which would require a municipal fire alarm box connection at the Police Station, which houses a detention facility. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #050823: Mr. Steven Kent, for the property located at 51 Hillside Road in Cranston. Lt. Timothy Hawthorne appeared for the Cranston Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, to grant the Applicant relief from the provisions of section 7.1.5.1. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #040300: Ms. Carol O'Halloran and Rev. Howard, for the property located at 372 Wayland Avenue in Providence. Inspector Vernon Dunlap appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. This property had been the focus of an on-site inspection by a subcommittee of the Board earlier in the day. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to approve the subcommittee's recommendations for this facility, all work to be done at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Providence Fire Marshal's office. The motion passed over the objection of Commissioner Burlingame.

Appeal #050821: Mr. Eric Cote for the property located at 10 Memorial Blvd, Providence. Deputy George Calise appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Commissioners Blackburn and Burlingame recused themselves from consideration of this case. Vice Chairman Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to grant a variance from the provisions of section 12.3.2.1.1 and to accept the Applicant's alternate plan of action. Additionally, the motion included granting the Providence Fire Marshal's office the authority to issue temporary certificates of occupancy for this facility as they are needed. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #050803: Mr. Rockwood Edwards, for the property located at 200 exchange Street, Providence. Deputy George Calise appeared for the Providence Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Blackburn, to approve the plan

of action for fire department access to this facility and additionally, to grant the Providence Fire Marshal's office the authority to issue a temporary certificate of occupancy for this facility. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #040291: Mr. John Cunningham and Mr. Barry Collins for the property located at 326 Farnum Pike in Smithfield. ADSFM John Waterman appeared for the Smithfield Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Newbrook made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Pearson, to grant the Applicant a time variance until July 1, 2006, in which to have the fire alarm and sprinkler systems in this facility completely installed and/or upgraded, at the direction and to the satisfaction of the Smithfield Fire Marshal's office. A variance from the provisions of sections 13.3.3.2 and 13.3.3.3 is granted pursuant to the Applicant's compliance with the fire alarm and sprinkler provisions. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #040303: Ms. Ann Rogan for the property located at 1974 Atwood Avenue in Johnston. Deputy State Fire Marshal Cynthia Dehler appeared for the State Fire Marshal's office. Vice Chairman Coutu made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to reinstate the previously granted variances for this facility and to allow the Applicant the use of the basement for other than storage purposes, but not for sleeping. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #040451: Bob's Auto Body, for the property located at 19

Tiogogue avenue, West Warwick. Chief David Pastore appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Pearson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Burlingame, that the Applicant must correct all cited deficiencies in this facility within 120 days from the date of this hearing. The motion was unanimous.

Appeal #040460: Mr. Richard Porcelli for the property located at 301 Providence Street in West Warwick. Chief David Pastore appeared for the West Warwick Fire Marshal's office. Commissioner Burlingame made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Newbrook, to grant the Applicant a time variance of ninety (90) days to correct any remaining deficiencies in this facility. The motion was unanimous.

**Respectfully submitted,
Carol Marsella**